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- 1. Dr. Leo Elowesser, head of the North China United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, arrived in Peiping from Shihmen, where he has been for six months. He has applied to the Chinese Communists for a policy decision affecting his program and has been told that a decision will be given later by Peiping.
- 2. Dr. Elowesser is much impressed by the honesty of Communist officials, frugal men whose emphasis is on rural rather than urban life, and by the good job so far, but admits the danger of inflation.
- According to Dr. Elowesser, the Communists do not have a centralized government. Politically, they are still divided into five independent areas, with MAO Tse-tung not technically the head of a state, but Chairman of the Party. This means that no treaties can be made with foreign countries even if this should be desired. De facto arrangements must be followed until delegates can be appointed from the areas to meet and, in theory, to elect officers to the new central government. This will take at least six months. The Communists are going slowly with the idea of making Peiping the capital and model.
- 4. Dr. Elowesser is sure that the Communists are feeling their way and are not taking the Soviet system as an example. All indications are that the Communists will not take over the Nanking government, but will organize anew from the bottom up.

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